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“The CNO’s Distinguished Fellow Program harnesses some of the nation’s most probing scholars, thinkers, and researchers with public authorities, to work through tough problems in national security and defense and emerge with answers.”

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INVESTMENT OF THE NATION'S
INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL
IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL
WAR ON TERRORISM

THE IDEA

The asymmetrical and diffuse nature of the global war on terrorism (GWOT) makes defense and response problematic. NPS proposes that top scientists, engineers, educators, religious scholars, military strategists, economists, and industrialists come together under the Department of the Navy and DoD to engage in the GWOT through the CNO Distinguished Fellows Program (CNODFP). The intention is an international collaboration of pre-eminent individuals, sponsored by DoD and acknowledged by the White House Homeland Security Advisor.

ANOTHER THINK TANK?

No. The purpose is to identify and deliver solutions to critical problems and reduce risk to human life and infrastructures, here and abroad. The fellows and NPS colleagues will concentrate on practical solutions.

A CRITICAL NEXUS

Where are CNODFP's benefits distributed?

- To the U.S. and allies, as outstanding minds are employed in the common defense
- To officials and agencies: the prestigious, highly visible CNODFP will spur collaboration across jurisdictions and stretch funding through shared resources
- To the military: novel approaches to asymmetrical warfare and hastened technology transfer will be invaluable
- To participants: fellows gain support, partnerships, notice

WHY NPS?

The Naval Postgraduate Schools is renowned for research expertise, with four-hundred faculty, seventeen-hundred student officers, and nearly a thousand research contracts and grants annually. The structure, tools, and momentum for engaging critical problems in the GWOT are found throughout the school, and especially in the institutes. NPS's anti-terrorism initiatives are supported by NORTHCOM, the Department of Homeland Security, SOCOM, NETWARCOM and the Department of the Navy, among a rapidly expanding rostrum of sponsors. NPS is well positioned to attract White House and congressional support.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT?

CNODFP takes aim at the geopolitical big picture, examining not only what's happening where, but why. Among the fields of interest:

- Sociology
- Environmental Security
- Risk Management
- Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Security
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Science and Technology
- Politics
- National Security
- Economics
- Religion
- Globalization

Urgent initial challenges include maritime-domain defense (ship tracking and port security) and countering improvised explosive devices (IEDs).



WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Among the minds to tap are those at the summit of their professions and those with unusual promise, including:

- DoD/Military Strategists
- Nobel Laureates
- Members of the National Academy
- Distinguished Faculty from Notable Institutions
- Industry Leaders
- Inventors and Visionaries
- NSF Presidential Young Investigators
- Religious and Sociological Scholars
- Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs

LOGISTICS

Fellows will participate by invitation and may be American or allied. Treated as NPS faculty, they will submit proposals through the sponsored-programs office, meet regularly in Monterey or Washington, D.C., and organize their work as cluster projects.

